

BALLPLAYERS FIND SOUTH COLD;  
SPRING TRAINING ISN'T ALL FUN

Hotel Rooms in Many Smaller Places Are Unheated and Occupants Shiver; Sundays in Some Places Are So Dull that Baseball Men Go to Church Three Times a Day For Amusement.

BY FRANK G. MENKE

DON'T envy the ball player because he lingers in the south for a month or so each spring. It sounds like a picnic for him—but it isn't.

The "sunny south" in March is somewhat sunny enough but the sun seems to lack heat. In that spring we recently made from Texas across Florida and then up to North Carolina, we found only one day in which an overcoat wasn't a necessity.

The weather in the south during last March is the representative weather for March in the south. That's what the natives told us. That being the case it seems that baseballers might find it better in the north because in March there are more warm days in the northern states than we struck in the three weeks in the "sunny south."

**Wrestle With Food and Cold.**  
Only a few of the southern hotels are equipped with electric heat and on nights when the thermometer shoots down around 15 and the occupants of the non-heatable rooms feel the cold keenly. Their rooms, except when under the blankets, are uninhabitable. But that isn't all the athletes have to put up with. A change in cooking

is another factor that makes their lot in the springtime unbearable. Some of the southern hotels use a preparation made from cottonseed oil for cooking, which doesn't agree with the digestive apparatus of the northerner who is used to good old lard.

Some of the larger hotels in the south have excellent cooks. Some of the smaller ones haven't.

**Sundays Are Dull.**  
The training camp ball players deserve genuine sympathy for their lot on Sunday in the small southern towns. Everything—except the churches—is closed tighter than a drum. Even the "mild" towns do not operate and the player is hard put to amuse himself on the first day of the week.

At one of the camps we visited we discovered that some of the ball players went to church so often, not because they are extremely religious but more because church attendance made a change in the dreary monotony of chatting among themselves on the street corners or doing the same thing around the open grate fire in the hotel lobby.

**Card Playing Fails.**  
Cards? Yes, the players indulge—but not as often as in other years. One or two games a week—that's about all they care for. Even card playing fails. Of course there are some camps where the Sunday blue laws are not so rigidly enforced. But those camps are few. In the south they've become almost an article of religion. The proper observation of the Sabbath as they see it in New England.

Some of the camps are located near some lakes that team with fish. The anglers—ball players spend Sunday in fishing—if the law doesn't prevent it.

Another form of diversion is even and possum hunting. That is done at night. Saturday night is about the only night for hunting because the hunters rarely return until between midnight and 2 p. m. and the managers won't let their men hunt if they have training work to do the next day.

**Needed Winter Clothes.**  
To spend a month in the south "under the warm sunshine in a balmy climate." That sounds good. But that isn't like the talk of southern press agent. We swung from Texas through Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida. And we're most awfully glad that we took along our winter coats. We needed them although we visited the south during the month that the south claims brings to it the very nicest weather of the year.

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## Baseball Scores

Pacific Coast League.		
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At Los Angeles—Morning game—R.		
Portland.....	1	5
Los Angeles.....	5	1
Afternoon game—		
Portland.....	5	7
Los Angeles.....	5	5
At Salt Lake—		
Venice.....	5	5
Salt Lake.....	5	5
At San Francisco—Morning game—R.		
Oakland.....	4	5
San Francisco.....	5	4
Afternoon game—		
Oakland.....	4	5
San Francisco.....	5	4

Const League Standing.			
	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Los Angeles.....	4	2	.572
Oakland.....	3	3	.500
San Francisco.....	2	4	.333
Salt Lake City.....	2	3	.308
Venice.....	2	3	.308
Portland.....	2	3	.308

New Orleans, La., April 5.—The Cleveland Americans defeated the Pittsburgh Nationals 2 to 1 here Sunday.

Dallas, Texas, April 5.—The Chicago Americans defeated the local Texas league team here Sunday, 7 to 6.

Memphis, Tenn., April 5.—The Boston Americans defeated the Memphis Southern association team Sunday 19 to 2.

Beaumont, Texas, April 5.—The Beaumont Texas league club Sunday defeated the New York Nationals 4 to 5.

Louisville, Ky., April 5.—The Detroit Americans defeated the Louisville Americans association team 7 to 6 here Sunday in a 19 inning game.

St. Louis, Mo., April 5.—The St. Louis Nationals shut out the local Americans 9 to 0 in the fourth game of the pre-season series here Sunday.

**JOHNSON AND McVEY STAGE A FARCE**  
Havana, Cuba, April 5.—Fears that Jack Johnson would injure himself in his six round fight with Sam McVey, negro heavyweight, Saturday, proved groundless. Johnson and McVey staged a mere farce of boxing. McVey repeatedly hit the champion, but the blows were mere taps. Johnson just clinched and smiled.

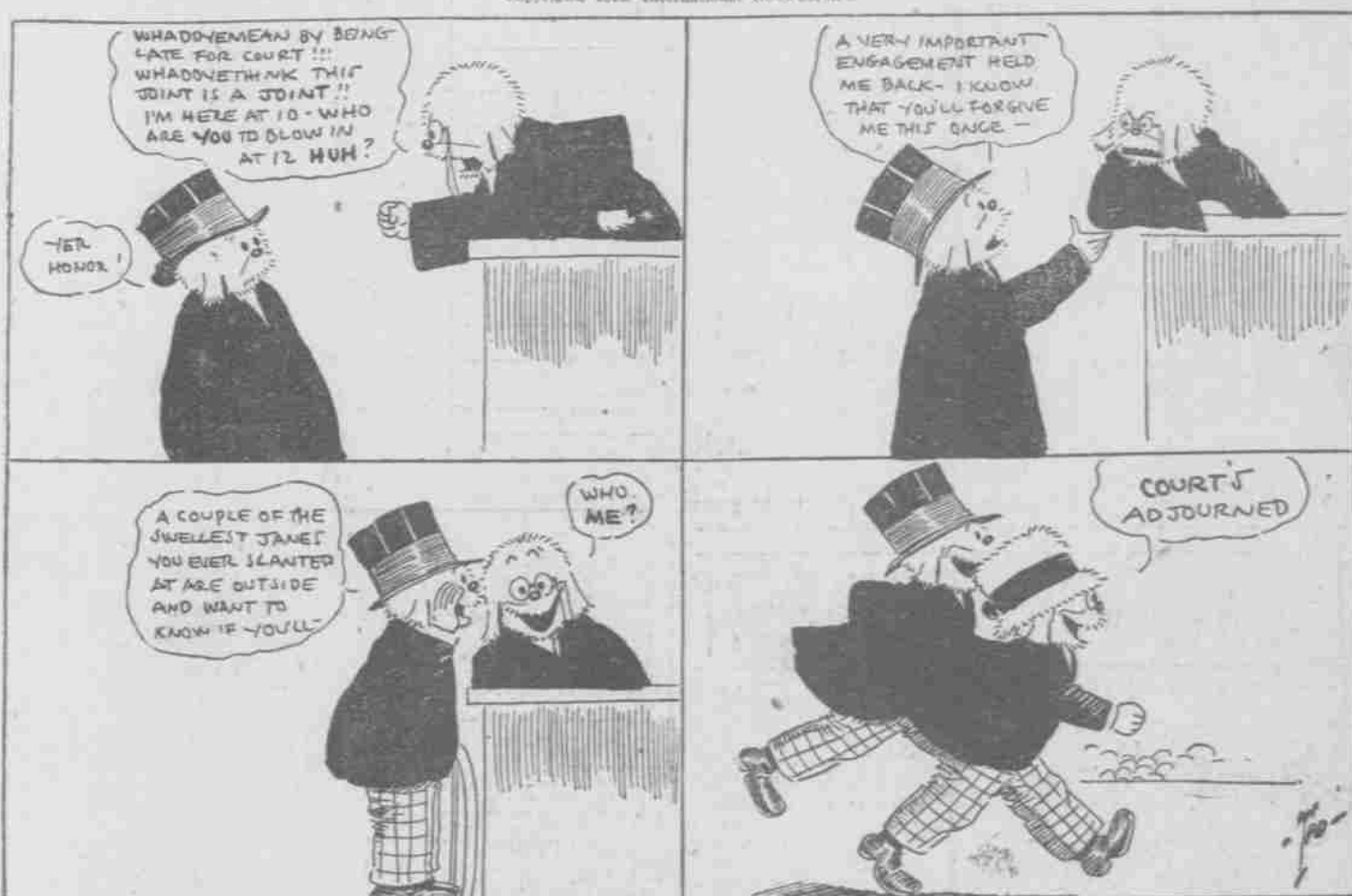
**WALKER WINS VENICE RACE AND CLAIMS WORLD'S RECORD**  
Venice, Calif., April 5.—Winning the 200 mile Venice grand prix motorcycle race Sunday in a scorching finish, Ott Walker of Oakland made what is said to be a new world's record of \$8 57-100 mile average speed of 127.7 miles per hour. Walker finished but 15 5-8 seconds behind the winner, Carl Goudy, of Chicago, was third.

**SOUTHERN DEPARTMENT TEAM BEATS SAN MATEO POLOISTS**  
San Francisco, Calif., April 5.—In a fast game characterized by brilliant playing, the southern department United States army polo team defeated the San Mateo polo team in the Pan-Pacific exposition field today 13 to 1. The army started with a handicap of 11 goals, which, however, was hardly needed.

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## "BECK'S" AMEN CORNER

BY "BECK."

AN "Olympic" meet for next year in the United States is now being talked about. There is no reason for such a meet. San Francisco is staging big international sports in connection with the exposition and if a big international meet is arranged in 1916 it will hurt the attendance of foreign athletes at the San Francisco events. Anyway, if this war lasts a few months longer, no athletes from Europe will be in the humor for international sports for a few years. Better wait and take our turn in 1920 and then we can have an Olympic meet that will be worth while. Staging one in 1916 will only hurt our chances for a big meet in 1920.

HAVE you some good nickname for the El Paso team in the Rio Grande league? If you have, sent it in to the sporting editor now. If your choice happens to be chosen as the "official" name of the team, you will receive something worth while.

## PREPARE TRACK FOR AUTO RACES

The big job of putting the Washington park racetrack in condition for the auto-aero races next Saturday afternoon between Barney Oldfield and DeLloyd Thompson, began this morning. A new infield fence will have to be erected along the home stretch and the old fence repaired in other places. The track is very rough and scrapers were started on it early today in an effort to get rid of some of the bumps. When the turns have been banked, the contractors will put big rollers at work and the track should be in condition for Oldfield to try it out with his big racing cars on Wednesday afternoon.

Oldfield is due here Tuesday. His cars have been at the Mission garage for several days. Aviator Thompson is expected to arrive about Thursday, bringing his precious flying machine with him.

The Quisenberry club's committee in charge of the races has decided that the present seating capacity of the park is woefully insufficient for the big crowd that is expected to be on hand next Saturday. No arrangements have been made to erect a huge bleacher between the present bleacher and the main entrance to the grounds.

Arrangements have also been made to police the course and no spectator will be allowed near any of the turns, as the big racing cars have been known to take some dangerous skids. Every precaution will be taken to guard against accident.

At the Elks club it was stated that the demand for tickets is already heavy and the Quisenberry members are already counting on some very "splurgy" uniforms to attract attention to El Paso at the Elks convention in Los Angeles this week.

## LEMAT WINS AUTO RACE ACROSS THE CONTINENT

San Francisco, Calif., April 5.—R. P. Lemat won Sunday a trans-continental automobile race from New York to the Panama-Pacific exposition grounds, defeating Stanley James by a few hours' running time. Lemat's running time was 654 hours.

The drivers left New York, Jan. 9. They were accompanied by Miss Margaret Dale, who rode with Lemat and James alternately.

Lemat won a Lincoln memorial highway trophy.

## BOWLING

The final games in the Smelter league are to be rolled on the Cactus club alleys this evening. The Cactus big leagues will wind up their season on Wednesday evening and, later in the week, there will be a special match between two picked teams for the club championship.

On the Wagon alleys there will be a special team match tonight and arrangements are under way for some special social events to celebrate the closing of the bowling season later in the week.

BE A BOOSTER. Get one of the "booster" tickets for the opening game in the new Rio Grande baseball association here, on April 27. Las Cruces will send down a big delegation and a band. An El Paso band has been engaged but the "big delegation" part of it is not yet assured. Do your part and get your tickets now.

WELL, how did the result of the big fight suit you? Or haven't you had time yet to "digest" it?

PHOENIX has a Solomon who utters some wise truths on baseball. His name is Young but what his age is we do not know. However, his wisdom is worth publishing, so here goes: "If horse racing is the sport of kings, baseball is the sport of every American citizen—and every American is an emperor or empress (did he mean empress?) in his or her own right. The Rio Grande association will put Phoenix on the pages of thousands of newspapers. Besides the great advertising value, look at the fun

we'll all have." And right here is where we say "Amen." Just substitute El Paso for Phoenix and let it ride double.

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